

THE LAST DECADE.

Ben Hur's ride that palls a summer day
 as close, dissolve and drift away,
 at joyful smiles break o'er the sunlit plain,
 as the dormant pulse of life again
 in the afterglow of fading light
 are breathes a promise of a morrow bright;
 at this century's eventide—whose years
 in hopes have wrought to merge in darkness
 ing fears—
 sh man rejoice; for from a rifted west
 spring rays beam 'cross his weary quest,
 all, laden skies now change to gladdening
 hues;
 waiting heart its cherished song renews;
 at song divine! not less its power than
 when first heard—"Peace on earth, good will
 to men."
 —Gilbert S. Fletcher in New Nation.

Music, Welsh and Basque.

Having two American friends stop-
 ping with us, we brought a nice Welsh
 from Dolgelly one evening to sing
 them the national songs. Miss Madge
 Roberts, a sweet, pretty young lady and
 excellent singer, went over an immense
 variety of Welsh music, and Miss S.,
 who is a very scientific musician, made
 any remarks on the peculiarities of
 the Welsh scale, etc. Suddenly she ex-
 claimed: "I cannot think what music
 is that I know that these Welsh tunes
 so much resemble. Stay, it is Basque!"
 and she proceeded to hum three or four
 typical Basque songs. Miss Roberts
 and all of us instantly recognized the
 similarity of these with the Welsh, es-
 pecially the oldest Welsh songs which
 she had been singing.

Miss S. was very much surprised when
 told her that Professor Boyd Dawkins
 believed in the original identity of the
 Basque and pre-Celtic Welsh, a theory
 of which she was quite ignorant, so that
 her testimony to the similarity of the
 national music was entirely spontaneous.
 I am not musical, and my opinion is
 of no value, but there does appear to me
 to be in the old Welsh music, as in a
 great deal of the Welsh character, a dis-
 tinct non-Aryan spirital character,
 irreducible to the order so dear to the
 Saxon soul. The music goes on for a
 few bars with even, exaggerated em-
 phasis on time as in a soldier's march;
 then suddenly, as if tired of it, bounds
 off among the bushes, hop, skip and
 jump and never comes back!—London
 Academy.

Stopped the Miracles.

The tomb of Saint Etienne de Muret,
 canonized in 1088, in the Abbey of
 Clairmont, was so great an offender
 in account of the number of miracles
 that the religious were completely worn
 out by the rush of votaries. The prior
 decided, however, a very simple but ef-
 fective remedy for this grievance. Be-
 lieving himself to the tomb, he spoke as
 follows: "Servant of God, you preached
 to us the delights of solitude and yet
 you assemble in our retreat as many
 people as if it were a market or a fair.
 We are sufficiently persuaded of your
 sanctity not to be curious about your
 miracles. If, then, you will not leave
 off working them, we protest and declare
 on high, in virtue of the obedience we
 have promised you, that we will un-
 earth your bones and throw them into
 the river." As might be expected, the
 threat was sufficient, and Saint Etienne
 de Muret did no more miracles.—All the
 Year Round.

A Useful Patrol Wagon.

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 the tower on a level with his work. The
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 the old method of repairing, without its
 risks.—Exchange.

Shakespeare's Autograph Worth \$100,000
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 large sum, but it would be sure to do so
 as soon as collectors were satisfied as to
 its genuineness and became properly ex-
 cited about it."—Collector.

A Liberal Offer.

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 several thousand dollars. Now, having
 made nearly a million dollars clear from
 this find, he advertises for the loser and
 expresses his "willingness to pay for the
 pocketbook and restore the amount of
 the contents."—Philadelphia Ledger.

When Taking Down the Stove.
 In taking down the stove, if any soot
 should fall upon the carpet or rug,
 cover quickly with dry salt before
 sweeping, and not a mark will be left.
 —New York Journal.

An acre planted with sunflowers yields
 2,000 pounds of seeds, from which 250
 pounds of oil may be obtained. Ten
 million quarts of this oil is produced by
 Russian mills annually.

Very striking to a stranger is the
 Englishman's fashion of covering his
 face with his tall hat as soon as he has
 taken his seat in his pew in church.

The Hindoo makes his toes work at
 the loom, using them in his weaving op-
 erations with almost as much dexterity
 as he does his fingers.

A race of wild dogs is said to exist in
 Newfoundland, keeping near the coast
 and subsisting on what the sea casts to
 the shore.

A white headed vulture which was
 caught in 1706 died in the aviary at
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